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HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 1995

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome the remarks made earlier today by Prime Minister Shimon Peres before the joint session of Congress.

In appearing before the joint session, Prime Minister Peres joins a small group of foreign leaders who have been asked to speak before the combined House and Senate. Mr. Peres richly deserves this honor. He is the leader of Israel, one of our most important allies, and he now bears the heavy burden of following the footsteps of Yitzhak Rabin in promoting a strong Israel and a lasting peace in the Middle East.

While listening to Mr. Peres's tribute to Prime Minister Rabin, one could not help but remember the great loss suffered by the people of Israel and the cause of peace.

Although Rabin's leadership is sorely missed, I take heart in the thought that the cause of peace continues. Indeed, our most fitting tribute to Mr. Rabin would be a continued effort to promote peace, democracy, and freedom in the Middle East and across the globe.

The United States and Israel must continue to work together toward a brighter future; a future of peace and security. Israel, our steadfast ally in times of peace or war, deserves our strong support in pursuing this goal.

There is now a new impetus toward peace in the Middle East. We should not miss this opportunity to end the hatred and violence that have plagued that region. This would be a fitting legacy to Yitzhak Rabin and everyone who has sacrificed for a just peace.

SENIOR CITIZENS' RIGHT TO WORK
ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2684, the Senior Citizens Right to Work Act of which I am a cosponsor. This legislation increases the earnings limit of \$30,000 by 2002. It is fair legislation. It is fair to the long-term solvency of the Social Security trust fund by offsetting costs within the program. And, most importantly, it is fair to working seniors, allowing seniors to continue to work without being denied their Social Security benefits.

It is ludicrous that seniors in the work force are subject to this impractical and outdated procedure. Our seniors deserve more. It is time for Congress to vote for changes to this archaic practice of reducing Social Security benefits for seniors that continue to work after

the age of 65. We are robbing seniors of their right to support themselves and live with dignity. In many instances seniors stay in the work force out of necessity, not choice, and should be allowed to earn more without losing a portion of their earned Social Security benefits. The earnings test harms those individuals who do not have supplemental pension income for their retirement and need to work. Therefore, we are penalizing seniors who are trying to be self sufficient rather than rewarding beneficiaries who continue to work.

The Social Security earnings limit sends a message to the elderly community that we do not respect their ability to contribute in the work force after retirement. It is time to give seniors back their dignity. This Congress has already taken the first step with the passage of the Medicare Preservation Act which strengthens and protects the Medicare System and allows seniors access to the same type of health care services as offered to all Americans. By increasing the earnings limit to \$30,000 by the year 2002 seniors will be able to hold up their heads as they continue to work without fear of losing their earned Social Security benefits.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS ALBERT
SINATRA ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hoboken's favorite native son, Francis Albert Sinatra, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on December 12, 1995. No voice in America today brings with it more sweet memories.

No speech could possibly do justice to the "Chairman of the Board." Sinatra has redefined American popular music with such classics as "Strangers in the Night," "Summer Wind," "The Lady Is a Tramp," "Witchcraft," "Young at Heart," "My Way" and countless others. Every generation of Americans from the late 1930's onward has been wowed by his magnetic voice and unique ability to tell a story through his music.

In addition, to a spectacular singing career, Sinatra has distinguished himself on the big screen, with starring roles in "The Manchurian Candidate," "From Here To Eternity" and "Pal Joey." His performance in "From Here to Eternity" earned him an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1953. Prior to that, Sinatra earned a special Oscar for "The House I Live In," a sensitive documentary that made an eloquent plea for an end to all prejudice.

His accomplishments in the field of entertainment are legendary, but of equal importance, although less well known, are his charitable and philanthropic work. He has performed benefit concerts for among others, the Red Cross, the Palm Springs' Desert Hospital, the New York Police Athletic League, Cabrini Medical Center, the World Mercy Fund, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Frank Sinatra is a cultural icon, but even more than that he is a hero to millions of Americans of all races and nationalities, most particularly, of course, to Italian-Americans. Please join me in honoring a true American legend, who will always be an honorary citizen

of Hoboken and the 13th Congressional District, on his 80th birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
DR. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 1995

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 28, 1995, at 2 p.m., the family and legions of friends gathered to acclaim the life of their beloved, Dr. George Kenneth Butterfield. A near centurion, he spent 95 years of life before God called him to rest and to reside in a place of total peace.

I regret that official business did not allow me to attend the celebration of Dr. Butterfield's life, however, he has left a lasting impression on me, and the principles which guided him now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind.

Dr. Butterfield began his legacy in a foreign land, when he was born in St. George's, Bermuda, on February 9, 1900. He left Bermuda in search of a better life and migrated to the United States. He soon enlisted in the army and served in World War I before being honorably discharged on March 18, 1919. During his service, in the midst of a bitter, cold winter, he fought at the battle of Alsace-Lorraine in France.

Following military service, he attended and graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, and later attended and graduated, with a doctor of dental surgery degree, from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. Upon graduating from dental school, however, he was not able to afford the equipment to establish a dental practice, and he worked for a period of time in maintenance at a hotel. Fate, however, joined him with an aging dentist in Henderson, NC, and a dental practice which spanned 50 years was launched.

An advocate of justice, equal treatment and fair play, Dr. Butterfield was on the cutting edge of many important changes throughout North Carolina. He fought for integration, pushed for voting rights, led the way in opening up employment opportunities and still managed time for important civic duties. Through it all, he remained a caring friend, a devoted family member, a loving brother, a committed father, and a dedicated husband.

May God comfort and help his family and friends to hold on to treasured yesterdays; and reach out with courage and hope for tomorrow, knowing that their beloved is with God. Death is not the end of life. It is the beginning of an eternal sleep. Rest, Brother George, you have labored long.

LEBANON MAYOR KENNETH
COWAN DIES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, a leading Missouri citizen, the mayor of Lebanon, and a good friend, Kenneth Cowan, died October 17, 1995. He was 79 years of age. During his tenure as mayor, Cowan led the city of Lebanon